

lore : a priest of the family of ATRX, named  
 ARCHANANAS,  
 having been employed as *JSotri* by the *Raja*,  
 RATHAvf-ri,  
 the son of DARBHYA, saw at the ceremonial the  
 daughter of  
 the *Eajuj* and, being pleased by her appearance,  
 asked her as  
 a wife for his son SYAVASWA : RATHAvf TI was  
 disposed to  
 assent, hut thought it proper first to consult his  
 queen, who  
 objected to the match that SYAVASWA was not a  
*Rithi*, no  
 maiden of their house having ever been given  
 in marriage  
 to a less saintly personage : to qualify himself,  
 therefore,  
 as a *Rishf*y SYA\*VASWA engaged in a course of  
 rigorous aus-  
 . terity, and wandered about soliciting alms :  
 among others, he  
 begged alms of SAsiYASi, the queen of TARANTA  
*Raja*, who,  
 conducting him to her husband, said, a *Rishi*  
 has arrived :  
*tie Raja* replied, treat him with reverence; and  
 SANTAS!,  
 with her husband's permission, gave him a herd  
 of cattle and  
 costly ornaments : the *Raja* also bestowed upon  
 him what-  
 ever he asked for, and then sent him onwards to  
 his younger  
 brother, PURUMELHA: on his way SYAVA'SWA met  
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 MARUTS, whom he hymned, and was by them  
 acknowledged  
 to be a *Rishi* ; he was also made the *Seer*  
 (*drashtd*) or  
 author of *Suktas* of the Veda: RATHAvfn then,  
 with the  
 concurrence of his wife, gave him his daughter to  
 wife : this  
 hymn was composed in honour of the benefactors  
 of the *Rithi*.

are<sup>7</sup>ou» most excellent leaders (of  
 rites),  
 who come one by one from a region  
 exceedingly  
 remote?

^2. Where are. your horses? where your  
 reins?

what is your capability? whereq are you  
 going? the  
 saddle is on the back (of the steeds), the  
 bridle in  
 their nostrils.

3, The goad is (applied) to their  
 flanks: the  
 drivers force them to spread their thighs  
 apart, like

womeri in bringing forth children,  
4, Heroes, friendly to man, of  
honourable birth,  
you are as if blazing with fire.